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Attn: Lincoln Donovan, Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE), Tech Center 2816

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Re: Application No.: 09/373,837
Filing date: August 13, 1999
Title: Delayed Start Method For Internal Flow Control In Packet Switches
Art Unit: 2816
Inventor: Metin Aydemir
Attorney Docket: RA-99-005

Dear Mr. Donovan:

This letter will serve as a **Second Status Inquiry** of the above-referenced application.

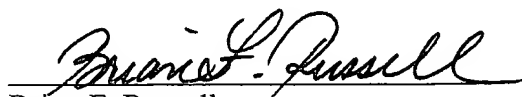
On July 6, 2007, an "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal To Examiner" was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office returning the application to the Examiner to correct deficiencies in the Examiner's Answer mailed on March 22, 2006. The Examiner's Answer failed to include a signature page and was therefore not in compliance with the appeals conference requirement as set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1208.

On April 17, 2009, a Status Inquiry was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requesting the status of the application file. Applicant's attorney has not received any communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office since July 6, 2007.

A review of PAIR on October 2, 2009, indicates the status of the application as "BPAI Return Before Appeal" with the "Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU" being the last transaction entered on October 17, 2008.

Our office is hereby requesting that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office provide our office with the status of the referenced application within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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